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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER ON RHODESIA AND ARMS QUESTION

REF: (A) STATE 108500, (B) STATE 072980, (C) STATE 110723

1. SUMMARY: IN CALL ON PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI MAY 9,  
AMBASSADOR PROVIDED BRIEFING ON RHODESIA AND DISCUSSED UN  
SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPONS  
AND NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. END SUMMARY

2. AMBASSADOR GAVE PRIME MINISTER FULL BRIEFING ON RHODESIA,  
DRAWING ON CFR 17 AS SUGGESTED REF A. AND UNDERSCORING US  
OPPOSITION TO INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND CONVICTION THAT ANY  
LASTING SOLUTION MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL ELEMENTS. POINTED  
OUT OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS ARE DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL  
SETTLEMENT AND AVOID EXPANSION OF THE FIGHTING AND INTRO-  
DUCTION OF FOREIGN MILITARY ELEMENTS INTO THE PICTURE.  
BEAVOGUI EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN AND GRATITUDE  
FOR THE BRIEFING AND FOR INFORMATION ON SOME OF THE SPECIFIC  
POINTS BEING PURSUED WITH PATRIOTIC FRONT, ETC. HE SAID HE  
UNDERSTOOD US POSITION AND GOALS BUT WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC  
RE CHANCES OF OUR EFFORTS IN VIEW OF TWELVE YEARS  
FRUITLESS UK DISCUSSIONS WITH SMITH REGIME. BEAVOGUI  
ASSERTED TALKS WITHOUT CONCRETE PRESSURE ARE INEFFECTUAL  
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AND REJECTED SIGNIFICANCE OF CONTINUED SANCTIONS AS LONG  
AS SOUTH AFRICA HELPS RHODESIA BREAK THEM. HE CONCLUDED  
THAT ULTIMATE SOLUTION LIES IN THE USE OF ARMED FORCE.  
AMBASSADOR REEMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING  
FOREIGN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN SITUATION AND EXPRESSED  
HOPE THAT MUZOREWA MIGHT BREAK WITH INTERNAL SETTLEMENT  
AND JOIN PATRIOTIC FRONT, CONTRIBUTING IMPORTANT INTERNAL

POLITICAL SUPPORT THAT COULD INCREASE THE FRONT'S CHANCES OF ACHIEVING A UNIFIED SOLUTION. PRIME MINISTER AGREED THIS POSSIBILITY WAS ENCOURAGING AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CONTINUING CONTACTS ON RHODESIA.

3. ON DISARMAMENT, AMBASSADOR STRESSED IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO ARMS RESTRAINT POLICY AND SINCERITY OF US DESIRE TO MAKE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS AT UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT AND AVOID FRUITLESS PROPAGANDA EXCHANGES. US WANTS TO MOVE AHEAD ON ARMS LIMITATION, AND CONTRARY TO SOVIET PROPAGANDA US IS NOT REPEAT NOT MANUFACTURING OR DEPLOYING ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPONS. OBSERVED THAT DESPITE THEIR HOLIER-THAN-THOU ATTITUDE, THE SOVIETS HAVE GREATLY INCREASED ARMS SALES TO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, REACHING \$4 BILLION IN 1977, WITH ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$6 BILLION IN PIPELINE; SOVIETS ARE TALKING OUT OF BOTH SIDES OF THEIR MOUTHS ON THIS ISSUE. BEAVOGUI AND HIS DIRECTOR OF CABINET A.I. DIALLO WERE AMUSED AND DID NOT DISAGREE. AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED WITH PITCH ON NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY TO CONTAIN THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOG WOULD BE ABLE TO ADHERE. BEAVOGUI RESPONDED OBTUSELY THAT THE KEY IS IN HANDS OF US, USSR, FRANCE, CHINA AND OTHERS WHO KEEP DEVELOPING MORE AND MORE FEARSOME NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE ASKED RHETORICALLY WHAT GOOD IT WOULD DO FOR GUINEA TO SIGN NPT UNDER SUCH CONFIDENTIAL

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CIRCUMSTANCES. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED MULTIFACETED NATURE OF ARMS PROBLEM AND REVIEWED EFFORTS BEING MADE IN VARIOUS FORA TO EFFECT CONTROL OR REDUCTION IN SPECIFIC AREAS. POINTED OUT THAT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES IS ONE FACET OF THE PROBLEM, WHICH NPT IS DESIGNED TO HANDLE. PRIME MINISTER DID NOT SEEM TO GRASP THE POINT AND SAID GOG REPRESENTATIVES AT UNSSD WOULD INVEIGH AGAINST ALL SUCH WEAPONS. HE OFFERED NO HOPE OF ADHERENCE TO NPT. HIS DIRECTOR OF CABINET DIALLO MADE SOME EFFORT TO GET BEAVOGUI TO SEE THE POINT, BUT WITH LITTLE SUCCESS. BEAVOGUI DID, HOWEVER, BEGIN TO APPRECIATE THE COMPLEXITY OF DISARMAMENT ISSUE, AND IT WAS AGREED THAT EMBASSY WOULD PROVIDE DIALLO FULL BRIEFING BEFORE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT.

4. COMMENT: BELIEVE CONVERSATION WAS USEFUL IN THAT IT MAINTAINED DIALOGUE AND MADE US POLICY CLEAR ON MATTERS SUBJECT TO DISTORTION BY SOVIET PROPAGANDA AND PRIVATE ALLEGATIONS. WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO AVOID MIS-UNDERSTANDINGS ON SENSITIVE RHODESIAN ISSUE AND WILL SEEK TO MAKE THE MOST OF DETAILED BRIEFING ON DISARMAMENT TO LEAD GOG TOWARD GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND HOPEFULLY A

MORE CONSTRUCTIVE POSITION. WE DO NOT SEE, HOWEVER, ANY  
PRESENT LIKELIHOOD OF GOG ADHERENCE TO NPT.

5. ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSION OF US POLICY OF  
RESTRAINT ON ARMS SALES OFFERED OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIME  
MINISTER TO BRING UP QUESTION OF PATROL BOATS, HE DID NOT  
DO SO. AMBASSADOR BELIEVED IT PREFERABLE TO LET THE  
MATTER LIE FOR THE TIME BEING.  
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